




FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY

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TO: Chairman and Members
Park Authority Board

VIA: Michael A. Kane, Director 

FROM: Miriam Morrison, Chief Financial Officer
Administration Division

DATE: June 9, 2006

Agenda

Administration, Management and Budget Committee
Wednesday, June 14, 2006 – 3:30 p.m.
Board Room – Herrity Building
Chairman: Kenneth G. Feng

1. The Renaming of Fox Mill District Park - Action*

*Enclosures

cc: Timothy K. White
Leadership Team

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ACTION -

Renaming of Fox Mill District Park as Frederick M. Crabtree Park (Hunter Mill)

ISSUE:

Renaming of Fox Mill District Park as Frederick M. Crabtree Park.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends the renaming of Fox Mill District Park as Frederick M. Crabtree Park. To enable this designation, it is further recommended that due to the unique and substantial contributions of Mr. Crabtree, *Policy 106 Naming of Parks, (Attachment 1)* be waived in order to provide this recognition during his lifetime.

TIMING:

Board action is requested on June 28, 2006.

BACKGROUND:

Frederick M. Crabtree served with distinction on the Fairfax County Park Authority Board from 1969 to 1992, including service as Chairman from 1977 to 1978. During his tenure, he also served as Vice Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer.

During his time on the Board, Mr. Crabtree was instrumental in acquiring, expanding and developing numerous parks and facilities, including Fox Mill District Park, Pedersen Lane Park, Frying Pan Park, Clarks Crossing Park, Floris School Site, Baron Cameron Park, Lahey Lost Valley Park, Lake Fairfax Park and many others throughout Fairfax County.

Mr. Crabtree sought to preserve and protect parklands with historical and cultural significance and continues to serve on the Founders, Benefactors, Supervisors and Friends of Frying Pan Park, Inc. where he has done so for 43 years.

In 1988, he created the Elly Doyle Service Award to recognize a citizen's or group's superior contributions to the preservation of County parkland, natural preserves and recreation areas.

In 1993, he was honored with the Outstanding Public Officer Award by the National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials.

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A popular sports activist in Vienna, he is affectionately known as Mr. Baseball for his role as a founding father of boys and girls Little League in the town, as well as the girl's softball, pigtail/ponytail baseball and basketball programs. He has touched the lives of thousands of children as a coach and leader of athletic organizations.

Today, at the age of 90, Mr. Crabtree continues to remain active in organized sports and community activities and continues to work closely with the staff of the Park Authority. His lifelong efforts and dedication have made a lasting contribution to the Fairfax County Park Authority and a countless number of citizens.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Policy 106 Naming of Parks

STAFF:

Michael A. Kane, Director

Timothy K. White, Deputy Director

Policy 106 Naming of Parks

As a general policy, parks shall be named in accordance with geographical, historical or ecological features indigenous to the park site or to the immediate vicinity of the site. Parks may be named for an individual under the following conditions:

- a. Where the individual has made a significant gift of land to the Authority, or
- b. In memoriam for an individual who has made a significant contribution to the Fairfax County park system.

Recreational facilities or resource management areas within a park may be named for a corporation or an individual, living or deceased, who:

- a. Has made a significant contribution to the protection of natural, cultural, or horticultural resources of the Fairfax County park system, or
- b. Has substantially contributed to the advancement of commensurate types of recreational opportunities within the Fairfax County park system, or
- c. Has made a significant contribution to the betterment of a specific park, consistent with the established criteria and standards for the designated park classification.

In support of this policy, nominations for naming parks, recreational facilities or resource management areas shall be evaluated on the basis of the above criteria and upon appropriate documentation.

Revised and adopted October 28, 1998

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